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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6985

BILL NUMBER: HB 1270

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 6, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Commission for Higher Education.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Clere

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill abolishes the State Student Assistance Commission (SSAC).

The bill also abolishes the Commission on Proprietary Education (COPE).

The bill requires the Commission for Higher Education (Commission) to administer the functions formerly administered by SSAC. It provides that the Commission is responsible for accrediting a postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational institution. The bill changes the current COPE into an advisory board to advise the Commission and the Commission's staff.

The bill provides that the State Workforce Innovation Council is responsible for accrediting postsecondary proprietary educational institutions that are non credit bearing.

The bill repeals: (1) provisions relating to establishment and administration of SSAC; (2) provisions relating to establishment and administration of COPE; (3) certain provisions requiring the commission for higher education to provide SSAC information to implement the minority teacher or nursing scholarship program; and (4) definitions relating to SSAC or COPE.

The bill adds transitional provisions. It makes conforming and technical amendments.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill transfers all the real and personal property, powers, duties, assets, liabilities, and appropriations to the new authorities designated under this consolidation. CHE and

the State Workforce Innovation Council would be able to perform the current duties of SSAC and COPE within the current level of appropriations.

Background:

Agency	2013 Appropriation
Commission for Higher Education	\$1,255,225
State Student Assistance Commission	\$912,336
21st Century Administration	\$1,892,383
Freedom of Choice Grants	\$53,369,953
Higher Education Award Program	\$156,520,749
Nursing Scholarship Program	\$337,179
Tuition and Fee Exemption for Children of Veterans and Public Safety Officers	\$26,619,114
Part-Time Student Grant Distribution	\$7,851,835
Contract for Instructional-Opportunities for Southeastern Indiana	\$207,000
Minority Teacher Scholarship Fund	\$415,919
College Work Study Program	\$837,719
21st Century Scholars Awards	\$29,109,298
National Guard Scholarship	\$2,806,588
Total	\$280,880,073
Commission on Proprietary Education	\$273,550

Currently, SSAC has 23 employees, CHE has 12 employees, and COPE has 5 employees.

SSAC receives approximately 459,000 financial aid applications annually and provides about \$277 M in financial aide to about 74,000 students.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Student Assistance Commission, Commission on Proprietary Education, Commission for Higher Education, State Workforce Innovation Council.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: State Student Assistance Commission 2009-10 annual report, <http://www.in.gov/ssaci/2394.htm> . Commission for Higher Education, Jason Dudlich.

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